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It is noted that documents 3 and 4 identified below were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2004/018853 on which the present application is based.

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1. An English language abstract of JP-A-9-31862 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-9-31862.
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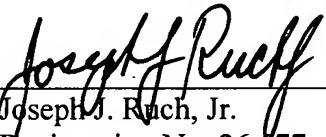
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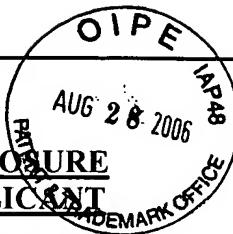
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